

## Letter from Mabel Hubbard Bell to Alexander Graham Bell, March 15, 1896, with transcript

Letter from Mrs Alexander Graham Bell to Dr Alexander Graham Bell. 1331 Connecticut Ave, Washington, D. C. March 15th.,1896. Alec dear:

I am wondering whether you are really going to Baddeck or whether you won't come down from the West. The program of which I have received three or four copies says you get back to Madison on the 26th and stay here some days. Why not come here and see what Mr Ellie is doing, and after the meeting of the Academy go home. I would much like you to be here for the Academy meeting and I believe I am getting a bit homesick for you, absurd isn't it?

Did I tell you about my Friday evening party? I can't remember and Mamma says I am getting very frisky and you should come home and look after me. Aileen says she heard people say nice things about me at the Geographic reception, that I looked so well and spoke so well. I thought my Friday evening was very nice and wonders will never cease — I was quite ready for my company, although they came three quarters of an hour earlier than I expected. I invited them to come after the lecture by Mr. Borchgrevink and everyone calculated that it would certainly last until half past nine so they would get here at a quarter of ten. The lecture was over at 9 o'clock and people got here before the quarter past. Fortunately I had planned to go out to see Uncle Theo. with Mamma and so got dressed before supper and more fortunately we didn't go or the company might have come and found the hostess absent. I just escaped being discovered with an apron on, reading in the library. It was so cold everybody crowded around the fire. Mr and Miss Chickering from Kendall Green were the first comers. Mr. Borchgrevink was among the guests.

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I lunched with Mrs Somers yesterday. There were twenty six guests and we had most beautiful things to eat, cooked out of all likeness to anything in nature. The menu was much more elaborate than mine but the flowers not near so pretty. I had quite a good time, and at all events bore my share in the conversation.

Goodnight dear, Take care of yourself and don't overwork.

Lovingly, Mabel. Mr and Miss Poe and Mamma lunch with me on Tuesday. I sent my carriage to her the other day and propose taking her and Miss Henry to the Volta Bureau some day. She said Miss Henry was so pleased to be put on my table, she said people now a days did not remember her father.